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Greville Works - Victoria Works - Crampshaw Works

Pictured right:

Greville Works today (Peter Tarplee)

Pictured below left:

Victoria Works c.1920s

Pictured below right:

Crampshaw Works c.1900



In the latter part of the 19th century Ashted became a small centre for photographic manufacture. Just before 1890 the Mawson & Swans Photographic Dry Plate Works was established at The Greville Works. In 1895 the works was taken over by Cadett and Neall. The building is now a residential terrace. Cadett and Neall then built Victoria Works and Crampshaw Works, completing both by 1900. One made photographic plates and the other photographic paper. In 1903 the company was bought by Eastman Kodak who five years later moved the business to Harrow. Between 1912 and 1916 the works were occupied by W. Galloway and Company agents for Stanley Steam Cars. In 1922 Ashted Potters Ltd was formed to train ex-servicemen and their dependents in the manufacture of pottery. They moved to Victoria Works in 1923. Various other businesses' have occupied the premises up to the 1990s when it was demolished and Lime Tree Court was built on the site.

In 1926 Cadett & Neall's Crampshaw factory was taken over Brifex Ltd who manufactured leather cloth for bus and car seats amongst other things. The building was converted into offices in 1972, now demolished and the site developed for housing as Clarendon Mews.

Goff Powell - A more detailed explanation of these buildings can be found in 'Past Industries of Ashted, Leatherhead & Bookham' by Peter Tarplee L&DLHS ISBN 0-9552785-5-6 -£8.99

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